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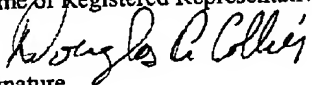
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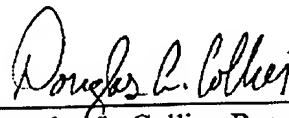
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Sir:

The last communication received from the United States Patent and Trademark Office was the Notice of Publication of Application on February 10, 2005. Please provide a status report on the above-referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,



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